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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Budge et al.

Serial No.: 09/739,168

Filed: December 18, 2000

For: METHOD FOR IMAGING CODING  
BY RATE-DISTORTION ADAPTIVE  
ZERO-TREE-BASED RESIDUAL VECTOR  
QUANTIZATION AND SYSTEM FOR  
EFFECTING SAME

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Sir:

Responsive to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed June 16, 2004, please amend the referenced application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 12 of this paper and include an annotated

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sheet showing the changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.